

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please **CANCEL** claims 16 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please **AMEND** claims 8, 9 and 18 as shown below.

The following is a complete list of all claims in this application.

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display (LCD), comprising:

a first substrate;

a pixel electrode formed on the first substrate and having a first aperture pattern;

a second substrate;

a common electrode formed on the second substrate and having a second

aperture pattern.[[:]]

~~a first insulating layer formed on at least one of the first substrate and the second substrate;~~

wherein a gap between the pixel electrode and the common electrode is decreased at a portion between the first aperture pattern and the second aperture pattern ~~varied by the first insulating layer.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The LCD of claim 8, further comprising a first insulating layer ~~wherein the first insulating layer is formed on the first substrate.~~

10. (Previously Presented) The LCD of claim 9, wherein the first insulating layer forms a plateau protruding from the first substrate.

11. (Previously Presented) The LCD of claim 9, wherein the pixel electrode is formed on the first insulating layer.

12. (Previously Presented) The LCD of claim 11, wherein the pixel electrode has a stepped portion.

13. (Previously Presented) The LCD of claim 9, further comprising a second insulating layer formed on the second substrate.

14. (Previously Presented) The LCD of claim 13, wherein the common electrode is formed on the second insulating layer.

15. (Previously Presented) The LCD of claim 13, wherein the second insulating layer forms a plateau protruding from the second substrate.

16-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The LCD of claim 17 12, wherein the stepped portion of the pixel electrode is arranged between the first aperture pattern and the second aperture pattern.